

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 9, line 7 through line 15, with the following replacement paragraph:

The side-to-side tilting of the spindle 22 is accomplished through the spherical bushing 66 within the housing 24. This spherical bushing 76[[66]] permits the spindle 22 to tilt as the front idler wheels 14 attached to it are subjected to tilting forces through the tread 15 as the tread passes over uneven ground. The tilting of the spindle 20[[22]] causes a corresponding rotation of the alignment bracket 26, which rotation is permitted because of the rotatable connection between the alignment tube 28 and the alignment shaft 30. As best seen in Fig. 5, front tilt stops 44 on the top of the alignment bracket 26 bump up against the top plate 38 to prevent the spindle 20 and front idler wheels 14 from tilting too far. Typically these tilt stops 44 are set to limit the tilt to no more than 5 degrees of rotation for a wide track 12, or as little as 1 degree for a narrow track 12.